

Report of the Medical Officer of Health

TO THE

HAILSHAM RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL,

1925.

Area in Acres	58062	Census Returns, 1921.
Census Population	18462	
Number of inhabited houses	3848	
Number of families, or separate occupiers	4243	
Rateable Value	£114332	
Sum represented by one penny rate	£476	
Assessable Value	£89967	
" " Produce 1d. rate	£375	

	1920.	1921.	1922.	1923.	1924.	1925.
Population estimated to middle of year	16467	18200	18200	18320	18620	18720
Birth Rate per 1000 of Population	14.0	18.0	17.0	15.4	17.0	16.2
Deaths under 1 year per 1000 Births	57.0	64.3	48.0	37.0	44.0	42.0
Total Death Rate per 1000 ...	13.0	11.1	12.0	10.0	16.0	15.4
Nett Death Rate per 1000 ...	12.5	11.0	11.1	10.0	11.0	10.0
Zymotic Death Rate per 1000	0.1	0.6	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.2
Death Rate from Phthisis per 1000	1.0	0.6	6.8	0.4	0.2	1.0
Death Rate from Respiratory Diseases per 1000	1.2	2.0	0.6	0.6	1.1	0.7
Senile Mortality, deaths at 65 years and over as percentage of Nett Deaths	44.3	48.0	49.0	63.0	51.0	55.0

The following figures represent calculations made on the Registrar-General's Estimate for Population, 1925 :—

Death Rate ... Total 15.4. Nett 10. Birth Rate 16.2.	
Births—Legitimate ... Total 303. Males 139. Females 164. } Birth Rate	
" Illegitimate ... " 11. " 4. " 7. } 16.2.	
Deaths ... " 199. " 112. " 87. Death Rate 10.	
Women dying in Childbirth ... 1.	

Vital Statistics,

The Deaths of Infants under one year of age were 13.

The causes of death were :—Bronchitis, 4 ; Pneumonia, 1 ; Premature Birth, 6 ; Other Diseases, 2.

The Infantile Mortality Rate was 42.

The Zymotic Death Rate was .2 per 1000.

Death Rate from Consumption was 1.0.

Respiratory Diseases Rate was 7.

Senile Mortality Death Rate was 55 per cent of nett deaths.

The chief causes of Death in the District were :—Consumption, 17 ; Heart, 38 ; Cancer, 27 ; Bronchitis, 13 ; Accidents, 5.

Comparative Rates in the District and in England and Wales.

	Birth Rate.	Infantile Mortality Rate.	Nett Death Rate.
Hailsham Rural ...	16.2	42	10.
England and Wales ...	18.3	75	12.2.

Infectious Diseases.

Disease.	Total.	Admitted to Hospital.	Deaths.
Diphtheria	4	... 3 ...	Nil.
Scarlet Fever...	11	... 8 ...	"
Erysipelas ..	1	... — ...	"
Typhoid Fever	3	... 3 ...	"
Enceph. Lethargica	3	... — ...	"
Chicken Pox	1	... 1 ...	"
Pul. Tuberculosis } M. 24, F. 16 }	40	M. 18, F. 9 ...	M. 9, F. 4.
Non-Pulmonary } M. 2, F. 4 }	6	M. 2, F. 2 ...	M. — F. 3.

Nursing.

District Nurse provided by the East Sussex Nursing Federation.

Hospitals :—Tuberculosis—Darvell Bank, Robertsbridge, provided by County Council.

Fever and Small Pox—By Council at Hailsham.

Ambulance for Infectious Diseases provided by Red Cross Society, as well as Horse Ambulance at Hospital. An Ambulance is now being arranged for locally.

Laboratory Work.

Work carried on by M.O.H. :—

40 Swabs from throats gave 10 Positive, Negative 30.

Phlegm Specimens, 6 : 1 Positive, 5 Negative.

Diphtheria Antitoxin issued free to Medical Practitioners for use for the poorer inhabitants. The Serum is kept in stock by the Sanitary Inspector.

List of Adoptive Acts and Bye-Laws.

Bye Laws to New Streets and Buildings for the whole of Hailsham Rural District, adopted March 6th, 1907.

1. As to Tents, Vans and Sheds	...	Nov. 24th, 1897	} For the Rural District with the exception of Parishes of Ripe and Chalvington.
2. Slaughter Houses	...	Sept. 13th, 1899	
3. Nuisances	...	Sept. 13th, 1899	

Sanitary Administration.

No. of Privies	...	...	...	...	1218
" Pails	...	...	...	...	875
" W.C.'s	...	...	...	...	1495
" Cesspools emptied by Council	...	...	...	...	96
" Houses connected to Sewers at Polegate	...	...	...	...	402
" " " " Heathfield	...	...	...	...	329
" " " " Hailsham	...	...	...	...	991
" " " " Herstmonceux	...	...	...	...	98
" " in District	...	...	...	...	4130
" " (New)	...	...	...	...	120

Food Inspection.

Places where food is prepared have been inspected on several occasions and found satisfactory. The Sanitary Inspector's report contains full details with regard to this work.

Slaughter Houses.

There are 21 Slaughter Houses in the District ; 6 are registered and 15 licensed. Condition good.

Bakehouses.

Bakehouses, 21 ; Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops, Wholesale Traders and Producers on Register, 305 ; Retail Purveyors, 76 ; Factories and Workshops and Work Places, including Bakehouses, 101. Inspection of these premises is carried out regularly. Details are given in the Sanitary Inspector's report.

Disinfection.

Sulphur Candles, Formalin Spray, Steam Disinfectant at Hospital.

Public Health Staff.

M.O.H., whole time D.P.H.

Sanitary Inspector, fully qualified R.S.I.

Caretaker of Hospital, qualified R.S.I.

Assistant Sanitary Inspector.

During the past five years there has been no change in the natural conditions of the District or the social conditions of the people. The District is chiefly residential and agricultural, mostly Dairy Farming, Stock Raising, Market Gardening and Poultry Raising. There are a number of Small Holdings in parts of the District. 333 new houses have been erected in the District during the past five years. The Sanitary Inspector sets out in his report the number of new houses built in each parish.

In September, 1923, the Council prepared a scheme for assisting private enterprise in the erection of small houses, and at a later date this scheme was extended and the result is shown by the number of houses erected. Further, the Council intend to build houses themselves. This is very satisfactory.

Water Supply.

The Water Supply of the District from Water Companies is as follows :—

Hailsham Water Co. ...	937	Houses in Parish of	Hailsham.
" " " " ...	117	" "	Hellingly.
Eastbourne Water Co. ...	265	" "	Polegate.
" " " " ...	17	" "	Hailsham.
Heathfield Water Co. ...	327	" "	Heathfield.
Bexhill Water Co. ...	64	" "	Ninfield.

In other parts of the District water is obtained from Springs, Wells and Rain-water tanks. The water generally of good quality.

Extensions to Sewers made during past five years were :—

Hailsham ...	1180	feet along	London Road.
" " " " ...	1040	" "	Western Road.
Polegate ...	500	" "	Hailsham Road.
Heathfield ...	1130	" "	Hailsham Road.

Housing.

Number of new houses erected during the year :—

(a) Total	73
(b) With State assistance under the Housing Acts, 1919, 1923 or 1924 :	
(i) By the Local Authority	Nil.
(ii) By other bodies and persons	50

1. Unfit Dwelling Houses.

Inspection—(1) Total number of Dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	171
(2) Number of dwelling houses which were inspected and recorded under the Housing (Inspection of District) Regulations, 1910	128
(3) Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	5
(4) Number of dwelling houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-heading) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	121

2. Remedy of Defects without service of formal Notices.

Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers	167
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3. Action under Statutory Powers.

A.—Proceedings Act, 1925.

(1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs	18
(2) Number of dwelling houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices :—	
(a) By Owners	18
(b) By Local Authority in default of Owners	Nil.
(3) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Closing Orders became operative in pursuance of declarations by Owners of intention to close	Nil.

B.—Proceedings under Public Health Acts.

(1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	22
(2) Number of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices :—	
(a) By Owners	22
(b) By Local Authority in default of Owners	Nil.

C.—Proceedings under sections 17 and 18 of the Housing, Town Planning, &c., Act, 1909.

(1) Number of representations made with a view to the making of Closing Orders	Nil.
(2) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Closing Orders were made	"
(3) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the dwelling houses having been rendered fit	"
(4) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made	"
(5) Number of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders	"

Inspection of Factories, Workshops and Workplaces, on Register 119,

	Inspections.	Written Notices.	Prosecutions.
Factories ...	12	2	...
Workshops ...	40	21	...
Workplaces ...	4	1	...
	—	—	—
	56	24	Nil.
	—	—	—

Defects found in Factories, Workshops and Workplaces.

	Found.	Number of Defects.			Number of Prosecutions.
		Remedied.	Referred to H.M. Inspector.		
Want of Cleanliness	4	4	...	...	...
Want of Ventilation	2	2	...	...	...
Overcrowding ... ..	...	...	...	...	...
Want of Drainage of Floors	1	1	...	...	...
Other Nuisances	4	4	...	...	...
Sanitary Accommodation (insufficient)	1	1	...	...	...
„ (unsuitable or defective)	1	1	...	...	...
„ (not separate for sexes)	...	...	...	...	...
	—	—	—	—	—
	13	13	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.
	—	—	—	—	—

The work of the Inspectors has been excellent during the past year.

In conclusion, allow me to thank the Council for the courtesy extended to me during the past year.

I thank the Clerk and other Officials of the Council for their kindly assistance.

I am,

Your obedient Servant,

HUGH STOTT.

HAILSHAM RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

ANNUAL REPORT

Of the Engineer and Sanitary Inspector, Year ending December 31st, 1925.

GENTLEMEN,

I beg to submit a report of the work carried out by this Department during the year 1925.

OFFICE.

Number of official letters written ...	1394
Written complaints received ...	39
Informal notices served and complied with ...	347
" " outstanding ...	41
Statutory notices served ...	3

INSPECTIONS AND VISITS.

Inspections of houses and other premises	787
Other visits ...	421

INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

Scarlet Fever ...	11
Diphtheria ...	4
Typhoid ...	3
Erysipelas ...	1
Enciphalitis Lethargica ...	3
Tuberculosis ...	28

The cases treated at the Isolation Hospital include two cases of Typhoid, eight cases of Scarlet Fever, three cases of Diphtheria and one case of Chicken Pox. All the cases recovered. The period of treatment in the Hospital averaged six weeks per case. Although all the cases were removed by the horse ambulance, a motor ambulance, which should have been available in case of emergency, could not be obtained when occasions arose. In view of this, and in order to expedite the removal of cases living a distance from the hospital, arrangements are now being made for the provision of a motor ambulance locally.

DISINFECTION.

Disinfection has been carried out in connection with each of the above cases, and a constant supply of disinfectants has been maintained in the cases of Tuberculosis. A quantity of bedding and clothing has been disinfected by means of the Thresh disinfector at the hospital.

GENERAL HOUSING CONDITIONS.

Four bad cases of overcrowding were reported during the year and abated, but there is reason to think that other cases exist. It is common knowledge that there is a dearth of working class cottages within the district, and this is borne out by the number of houses occupied by more than one family. The conditions of several cottages which are still occupied are totally unsatisfactory, and cannot be made fit without reconstruction. In the circumstances, it is considered advisable to induce the owners to carry out repairs of a temporary nature instead of issuing Closing Orders. The shortage of houses in the district appears to be general, and not confined to any particular parishes.

FITNESS OF HOUSES (AND ACTION TAKEN).

The general standard of housing in the district is good. The defects which are found to exist in unfit houses are dampness and defective roof and external wall surfaces. The latter, of course, where of vertical tiling or weatherboard. The defects in these cases are generally due to the absence of supervision by owners. Minor repairs, and the condition of the internal wall surfaces, are often matters which are due to waste and neglect of tenants.

Action has been taken as regards unfit houses by sending informal notices to the owners to carry out the necessary work. Every effort has been made to meet the owner on the property to discuss the work proposed, and in several instances it has been found advantageous to have the work carried out in stages. Only in a few cases has it been necessary to take direct action under the Public Health Acts or the Housing Acts.

The detailed statistics of this work are given below :—

UNFIT DWELLING HOUSES.

The number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) is		171
Number inspected and recorded	...	128
„ found to be unfit for habitation	...	5
„ „ not to be in all respects reasonably fit for habitation (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-heading)	...	121
Rendered fit in consequence of informal notice	...	167

ACTION UNDER STATUTORY POWERS.

Proceedings under Housing Acts, 1925 :—

Number of representations made with a view to making closing orders	...	1
„ dwelling houses in respect of which closing orders were made	...	1
„ „ „ „ were determined,	...	
the dwelling houses having been made fit	...	2
„ demolition orders	...	Nil.

HOUSING REGULATIONS. (Summary of Work done.)

Notices issued and work carried out includes :—

New drainage	...	17
Drains repaired...	...	31
New water closets fixed	...	13
Water closets repaired...	...	23
Pail closets provided	...	13
Rainwater gutters and stack pipes repaired	...	34
Roofs repaired	...	38
Conversion of privies to water closets	...	5
do. to pail closets	...	13
Cesspools repaired and reconstructed	...	17
Yard areas paved and repaired	...	19
Houses cleansed	...	11
New ashbins and covers provided	...	21
Houses connected to sewers	...	33
Houses connected to water mains	...	39
Water services renewed	...	19

NEW BUILDINGS.

Number of houses erected during the year :—

(a) Total	...	73
(b) By private enterprise subsidised by Local Authority under Housing Acts	...	50
(c) By Local Authority	...	Nil
Number of Plans passed by Council	...	117
„ for new houses	...	81
„ ranking for subsidy	...	46
„ alterations to houses	...	16
„ conversion of buildings to houses...	...	7
„ public buildings	...	1
„ other buildings	...	12

In September, 1923, the Council prepared a scheme under the Housing Act, 1923, for subsidising private enterprise in the erection of small houses. The assistance given being a lump sum grant not exceeding £90, on the completion of the house. This has since been reduced to £75.

The progress made under the scheme during the year 1925 is shown by the following figures :—

Plans approved and certificates issued	...	46
(making a total of 126 since commencement of scheme)	...	
Completed ready for occupation	...	50
Roofed in	...	55

With a view to further assisting private enterprise in the erection of small houses, the Council have agreed to extend their scheme in giving financial assistance for houses which it is proposed to let, and also by granting loans in suitable cases.

The Council have under consideration the question of building houses themselves and have had plans and specifications prepared for 16 houses in South Road, Hailsham. Tenders have been obtained and the Council have accepted a tender in respect of eight houses, in two blocks of four; building operations to be commenced the first week in the new year.

With a view to showing the number of dwelling houses erected within the district during the past five years, I have prepared the following figures (it will be observed that the totals are given for each parish) :—

Arlington	...	...	8
Chalvington	...	...	1
Chiddingly	...	...	12
Hailsham	...	...	104
Heathfield	...	...	78
Hellingly	...	...	21
Herstmonceux	...	...	37
Hooe	...	...	3
Laughton	...	...	7
Ninfield	...	...	32
Ripe	...	...	3
Warbleton	...	...	20
Wartling	...	...	7

TOTAL IN DISTRICT ... 333 HOUSES.

SCHOOLS.

The sanitary condition of the public elementary schools suffers from insufficient attention from the hands of the caretakers. In three cases the attention of the Managers has been called to this fact. The cleansing of floor surfaces, during holiday periods only, appears to be totally inadequate. Another point which calls for comment, and this is fairly general, is that where a woman caretaker only is employed, the scavenging system, whether by conservancy or water carriage, receives little or no attention.

Notices issued for reconstruction of drainage	...	2
" cleansing of premises	...	2
" " of closets and ashbins	...	2

BYE-LAWS AS TO TENTS, VANS, SHEDS, ETC.

Numerous occasions have arisen during the year for administering these Bye-laws, but the results are not altogether satisfactory. The difficulty in dealing with the occupiers of tents and vans is that they are continually on the move. It is regretted that no direct action can be taken against the owner of the grounds where vans are permitted to stand, for it is a common practice in this district for the owner to make a charge of 2/6 or 3/- per week for each standing. It seems reasonable to assume that the owner in this case should be compelled to provide a proper water supply and sufficient sanitary accommodation.

SLAUGHTERHOUSES AND MEAT INSPECTION.

The effect of the Public Health (Meat) Regulations, 1924, has been to greatly increase the work with regard to meat inspection. Since the regulations came into force (1st April, 1925), 695 notifications to slaughter have been received, and 292 inspections made at times of slaughter. Generally the standard of the meat has been good, but 1105 lbs. (mostly beef) has been condemned as unfit for food and destroyed. With the exception of one carcase, which was sent to the knacker, the meat has been buried on the spot.

TUBERCULOSIS ORDER, 1925 (No. 2).

Since this order came into force on the 1st September, 1925, notifications have been received of 29 cows as suffering from Tuberculosis and ordered to be slaughtered. With the exception of two cases outside the district, a visit has been paid at the time of slaughter in each case. Two hind quarters of one carcase only were passed as fit for food. In each of the other cases the carcase, on being condemned, is boned out on the premises, the bones being sent to London and the meat and offal buried locally.

The number of private slaughterhouses in use in the district is shown by the following figures :—

	1920.	Jan., 1925.	Dec., 1925.
Registered ...	9	...	6
Licensed ...	3	...	15
	—	—	—
TOTAL	12	21	27
	—	—	—

FACTORIES AND WORKSHOPS.

There are 119 factories, workshops and workplaces on the register. Of this number, 21 are bakehouses. 52 inspections have been made, and notices have been served and complied with in respect of 21 premises.

BAKEHOUSES.

Total number on register	...	...	21
" of inspections made	...	...	38
Notices issued for cleansing and limewashing	...	...	16
" " insufficient ventilation	...	...	3
" " defective floors	...	...	4

DAIRIES, COWSHEDS AND MILKSHOPS.

The number of wholesale traders or producers on the register is 305, and the number of retail purveyors is 76. Considerable attention has been given to the inspection of cowsheds and dairies, and 155 inspections were made; 13 notices were given to unregistered cowkeepers, and these are now registered. Many of the cowsheds are old and in poor condition, and the chief defects appear to be the absence of

proper drainage, insufficient lighting and ventilation and defective paving to floors. These defects are more prevalent in the smaller cowsheds than in the larger ones, and are obviously due to the large number of cowkeepers who have commenced to produce milk since the war period. The introduction of the motor lorry as a means of collecting the milk from the several farms within an area, has had the effect of inducing the small man, with two or three cows only, to enter the milk business. The practice of dumping the milk in pails at vantage points on the roadside for collection, is, however, open to objection, and particularly so in the summer. Generally, a marked difference is to be noticed in the attitude of the farmer, and there is evidence that he appreciates an improved standard in the production of milk. There can be no doubt, however, that the fact of the cowsheds being inspected at intervals has a great influence in producing a better standard.

Number of inspections made	...	...	155
" notices to register	...	...	13
" " to limewash	...	...	49
" " re defective drainage	...	...	21
" " re lighting and ventilation	...	...	17
" " re defects to structure	...	...	12

SCAVENGING.

The removal of house refuse is undertaken in Hailsham and Polegate. The work is carried out by contract, and the refuse is disposed of to brickfields in the district or dumped at a suitable tip. A weekly collection takes place both at Hailsham and Polegate, and the few complaints received have been due to the absence of proper sanitary dustbins. Effort is now being made to ensure that each house is supplied with a portable dustbin. Following a systematic inspection of parts of the two districts, notices have been issued and dustbins supplied to 15 houses. Scavenging of the streets is also undertaken at Hailsham, all the principal streets being swept once or twice weekly as may be required.

CESSPOOL EMPTYING.

This is undertaken in the parish of Heathfield where not served by the sewerage system. The work is undertaken by contract, the Council providing a van and part of the labour. During the year the following work has been carried out :—

Premises visited	...	...	...	270
Loads removed	...	...	...	611½
Cost for the year	...	...	...	£280 16s. 2d.

This is an increase over the previous years, as shown by the following figures :—

				£	s.	d.
Cost for year	1920	...	...	126	12	11
"	1921	...	...	180	14	2
"	1922	...	...	172	14	6
"	1923	...	...	202	1	2
"	1924	...	...	237	3	4

CLOSET ACCOMMODATION.

No. of Privies in district	...	...	...	1200
" Pails	...	...	...	771
" W.C.'s	...	...	...	1535
Cesspools (Heathfield) emptied by Council	...	...	...	109
Houses connected to sewer at Polegate	...	...	...	402
" " " Hailsham	...	...	...	991
" " " Heathfield	...	...	...	329
" " " Herstmonceux	...	...	...	98

Conversion from the old privy to water closet, or pail closet, is insisted upon wherever possible, and the type and condition of the closet accommodation is considered at every house where inspection is undertaken.

WATER SUPPLY.

The water supply throughout the district is obtained partly from private wells and springs, and partly Water Companies.

The town of Hailsham and part of the parish of Hellingly have a constant supply of water from the mains of the Hailsham Water Company. The County Mental Hospital, Hellingly, is now supplied by the Hailsham Water Co., but has its own supply. The water of the Hailsham Co. is obtained from deep wells in the Tunbridge Wells sand, is aerated and passed through sand filters. The water is exceptionally soft and is reported to be of excellent quality for domestic purposes. The general complaints which were prevalent in the preceding years as to shortage of water at various parts of the town, have not recurred during the past year. The shortage and absence of pressure was undoubtedly due to corrosion of the water mains, and since the Company undertook the scraping of some 4000 yards of mains, a constant supply of water under pressure has been available. During the past year a number of service pipes have been renewed as it was found that excessive corrosion had set up and so restricted the supply. It was found that these service pipes had been in use a little over 30 years.

Polegate is supplied with water from the mains of the Eastbourne Water Company.

The Heathfield Water Company supplies a large part of the parish of Heathfield.

The Bexhill Water Company supplies Ninfield.

Other parts of the District are supplied with water from wells, springs and rain-water tanks.

FIRE HYDRANTS.

All the fire hydrants in Hailsham and Hellingly on the mains of the Hailsham Water Company have received periodical inspection and testing. There are 64 hydrants in all.

SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL.

HAILSHAM.

All houses that are within reach of the public sewer are connected up to the main drainage. Weekly flushing of all the main sewers takes place from the hydrants of the Water Company. The system is a confined one. The outfall works consists of detritus tanks and screening chambers, the effluent then passing on to the land and dealt with by broad irrigation over some 50 acres. The purchase of Avery's field by the Council a year or more ago, has resulted in a much improved effluent and affords a means whereby practically all the land can be flooded at one and the same time. About three acres of rye grass are grown, the remainder of the land being grazed. All the land is put up to tender yearly and good prices realised. The sum reached for the past year was £209 9s. 6d. A number of houses in South Road, Hailsham, are drained to a small disposal works opposite Poole Farm, Hailsham. The works are producing a satisfactory effluent. Ten houses in Battle Road, Hailsham, are drained to a tank and filter near the Brewery. Both these works receive attention weekly.

POLEGATE.

The outfall works consist of screening and settling tanks, after which the whole of the sewage is pumped to a storage tank by oil engines and centrifugal pumps. The effluent is passed through primary and secondary percolating filters and the resultant effluent is satisfactory. Much surface water is finding its way to the outfall works, due to the unsatisfactory condition of the old Estate sewers. A considerable length of old Estate sewer in High Street was found to be in bad condition and temporary repairs have been effected. It is hoped to disconnect this old length as it appears to be useless. The land around the works is let for £15 for the year. By agreement with the Eastbourne Rural District Council, several houses on the Pevensey Road and the Eastbourne main road, lying within the Eastbourne Rural District are being drained into the sewers at Polegate.

HEATHFIELD.

These works consist of detritus chambers and septic tanks, after which the effluent passes through percolating filters and, in addition, receives land treatment. The works are in good condition and producing a good effluent. A length of new sewer has been put down in Hailsham Road, Heathfield, a distance of 1130 feet and at a cost of £483 8s. 10d.

HERSTMONCEUX.

The sewage works are situate at Gardner Street, and consist of detritus tanks, liquefying tanks and percolating filters. In addition, land treatment is also given. The works are in good condition and producing a satisfactory effluent.

HELLINGLY.

A small tank and filter situated at Horsebridge, and taking the drainage of 14 houses, has been taken over by the Council. There is also a small tank and filter near the Church, which receives the drainage of six houses. Attention is given to both these works weekly.

STREET NUMBERING.

During the year 190 houses have been re-numbered in Hailsham and Polegate.

RAINFALL.

The rainfall for the year, as measured at the Sewage Works, Gardner Street, Herstmonceux, was 36.36 inches.

I am, Gentlemen,
Your obedient servant,
J. W. WILTON.

